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1. The construction of the largest single industrial project of Albania began in 1949, the Cerrick (or Cerzic) refinery near Tirana, with a planned annual capacity of 150 thousand metric tons, was finished during the fall of 1954. It is at present being outfitted with Soviet, Rumanian and German (Soviet Zone) equipment. A pipeline from the major field at Pokor was also finished last year, as was a refinery-owned electric plant.
2. Reports from Tirana indicate that the crude production of Albania is still below this refining capacity. Crude from Rumania is therefore expected to be refined there, after the plant is finished late in 1956.

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